BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 5, 2001

IN RE:)
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AND TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE BETWEEN CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF TENNESSEE, LLC AND SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) DOCKET NO. 01-00480))))))
ACT OF 1996)

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AND TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE (CMRS)

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") upon the Petition for approval of an Interconnection and Traffic Interchange Agreement (the "Agreement") negotiated by and between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC ("Citizens") and Sprint Spectrum L.P. (hereinafter referred to as "Sprint Spectrum" or "Sprint PCS"), and Agent and General Partner to WirelessCO, L.P. ("WirelessCO"), a commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") provider. The Petition for approval of the Agreement came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252.

The Agreement was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 7, 2001, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Melvin J. Malone. The Authority has jurisdiction over public

¹ Sprint Spectrum, WirelessCO, and SprintCom, Inc. are jointly doing business as Sprint PCS.

utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 et seq. Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

- 1) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the Citizens' service area;
- 2) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;
 - 3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;
- 4) The Agreement satisfies the standards for approval of negotiated interconnection agreements set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252;
- 5) This is a CMRS agreement and not an agreement between competing carriers;
- 6) By approving this Agreement, the Authority does not make a determination that the provision of wireless service to both business and residential customers within the Citizens' service area rises to the level of facilities-based competition under 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)(1)(A); and
- 7) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 et seq.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Interconnection and Traffic Interchange Agreement for Commercial Mobile Radio Service between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC and Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

Sara Kyle, Chairman

Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary